



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 787**

*January Session, 2007*

House Bill No. 7415

*House of Representatives, May 7, 2007*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Mental  
2 Retardation shall review the programs and services administered or  
3 provided by the department in order to: (1) Evaluate the effectiveness  
4 and benefits of such programs and services, and (2) assign priority for  
5 the continued funding of such programs and services. The  
6 commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint  
7 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
8 matters relating to appropriations and the budget of state agencies not  
9 later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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**APP** Joint Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Department of Mental Retardation	GF - None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The Department of Mental Retardation will be able to review its programs and services and meet the reporting requirements reflected in the bill without incurring additional costs.

**The Out Years**

There is no fiscal impact anticipated in the out-years.

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**OFA Bill Analysis****HB 7415*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Department of Mental Retardation to review the programs and services of the department in order to evaluate the effectiveness and benefits and assign priority for their continued funding. The commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations not later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter to the Appropriations Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/17/2007)